

United States Senate

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November 30, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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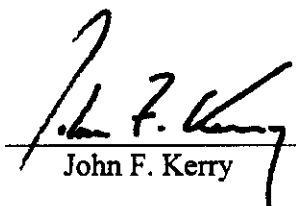
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We are writing to urge you to bring the Open Internet rulemaking to conclusion in December. Heading into 2011, the Commission can provide the certainty necessary for policymakers, consumers, investors, and innovators that the Internet will remain an open network, under the watchful eye of the Federal Communications Commission, and that the service will be delivered and managed with full and complete transparency. Combined, that will make it possible for the agency, advocates, engineers, and the media to police practices that could threaten innovation at the edge of the network.

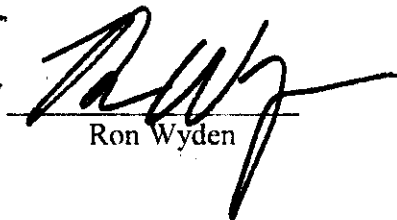
We recognize that you have led a difficult, inclusive, and often technical debate as matter of both law and engineering on the question of the proper role of the agency and rules in this space. We have supported that process and support the President's goal of protecting and preserving an open Internet. We are also well aware that it is always easier to criticize the policy-making process than it is to make good policy -- and as a result you have taken incoming fire from all sides. Yet, while time consuming, we think the deliberation and discourse has moved the center of opinion within the community of experts, industry, and advocates to a principled compromise that is sustainable and will work. We understand that there are some who would have you go further and some that would have you do nothing. But we believe you are headed toward a principled center and we support that effort.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry


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Ron Wyden



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THE CHAIRMAN

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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March 4, 2011

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Kerry:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me in your letter regarding the Commission's open Internet proceeding.

At its December 21, 2010 meeting, the Commission adopted a strong and balanced framework to preserve Internet openness and freedom. After fourteen months, more than 200,000 commenters, and hundreds of discussions with stakeholders, this action provides much needed certainty to the marketplace. I believe that these high-level rules of the road – which received broad support from across the Internet ecosystem – will be a powerful spur for innovation and investment, and will strengthen the Internet job creation engine.

I appreciate your interest in this very important matter. I look forward to working further with you on a broad range of telecommunications issues, including spectrum policy, universal service reform, and the deployment of a public safety wireless broadband network.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski



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March 4, 2011

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Julius Genachowski